

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 13 to 15 and 19 to 21 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, amend Claims 12, 17 and 18, and add new Claims 28 and 29 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. to 11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus for forming an image based on a downloaded profile downloaded via a network, comprising:

holding means for holding said downloaded profile and attribute information of the downloaded profile;

storage means for storing attribute information of a profile ~~which includes at least information regarding profile manufacturer or profile copyright;~~

determination means for determining whether or not the downloaded profile held in said holding means is an incorrect profile by comparing attribute information of the downloaded profile held ~~stored~~ in said holding means with the attribute information stored in said storage means ~~and determining whether or not there is information regarding profile manufacturer or profile copyright included in the attribute information of the downloaded profile among the attribute information stored in said holding means;~~ and

deletion means for deleting the downloaded profile held in said holding means if it is determined that the downloaded profile held in said holding means is incorrect by said determination means,

wherein, if said deletion means deletes the downloaded profile held in said holding means, the image forming apparatus forms the image based on another downloaded profile held in said holding means, which is set as a default profile by a downloading person.

13. to 16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A data processing method for processing a downloaded profile downloaded via a network, comprising:

a step of holding the downloaded profile and attribute information of the downloaded profile;

a step of storing attribute information of a profile which includes at least information regarding profile manufacturer or profile copyright;

a step of determining whether or not the downloaded profile held in said holding step is an incorrect profile by comparing attribute information of the downloaded profile held ~~stored~~ in said holding step with the attribute information stored in said storing step ~~and determining whether or not there is information regarding profile manufacturer or profile copyright included in the attribute information of the downloaded profile among the attribute information stored in said holding step~~; and

a step of deleting the downloaded profile held at said holding step, if it is determined that the downloaded profile held in said holding step is incorrect in said determining step,

wherein, if the downloaded profile held at said holding step is deleted at said deleting step, the image forming apparatus forms the image based on another downloaded profile held at said holding step, which is set as a default profile by a downloading person.

18. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium encoded with a computer-executable program for implementing an image forming method for forming an image based on a downloaded profile downloaded via a network, said computer-executable program comprising:

a program code for a holding step of holding the downloaded profile which is required for an image forming process in the image forming apparatus and attribute information of the downloaded profile;

a program code for a storing step of storing attribute information of a profile which includes at least information regarding profile manufacturer or profile copyright;

a program code for a determination step of determining whether or not the downloaded profile set held in said holding step is an incorrect profile by comparing attribute information of the downloaded profile held ~~stored~~ in said holding step with the attribute information stored in said storing step ~~and determining whether or not there is information regarding profile manufacturer or profile copyright included in the attribute information of the downloaded profile among the attribute information stored in said holding step~~; and

a program code for a deletion step of deleting the downloaded profile held at said holding step, if it is determined that the downloaded profile held in said holding step is correct in said determining step,

wherein, if the downloaded profile held at said holding step is deleted at said deleting step, the image forming apparatus forms the image based on another downloaded profile held at said holding step, which is set as a default profile by a downloading person.

19. to 26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously presented) A computer-readable storage medium encoded with a computer-executable control program that causes a computer to implement a data processing method as defined in Claim 17.

28. (New) The image forming apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein the default profile is a downloaded profile for which a default flag included in attribute information is rewritten by the downloading person.

29. (New) The image forming apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said holding means holds another default profile which is set at the time of shipment from a factory and has read-only attribute information.